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CASE NO. 2:24-cv-04979 SVW (JCx)

JOINT RULE 26(F) REPORT AND PROPOSED DISCOVERY PLAN

Assigned to the Hon. Stephen V. Wilson and Magistrate Judge Jacqueline Chooljian

Trial Date: June 3, 2025

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The parties, by and through their respective counsel, respectfully submit their Joint Rule 26(f) Report and Discovery Plan as contemplated by Federal Rules of Civil Rule Procedure Rule 26(f) and Local Rule 26-1.

ITEMS REQUIRED BY FRCP 26(F)

Meeting of Counsel Α.

On December 17, 2024, the parties' counsel conferred pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f)(2) and have worked cooperatively since then on this Joint Rule 26(f) Report and Discovery Plan.

В. Rule 26(a) Initial Disclosures

The parties do not believe there should be any changes made in the timing, form, or requirement for Initial Disclosures under Rule 26(a). The parties will exchange disclosures on January 7, 2025.

C. **Discovery Issues**

No discovery has been taken to date. The parties have agreed that fact discovery shall not be conducted in phases. The parties will adhere to the scope of discovery set out in Rule 26(b).

The parties do not presently anticipate any unusual issues in discovery requiring orders from the Court currently.

The parties' joint scheduling proposal, including for the completion of discovery, is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Electronically Stored Information D.

The parties are not aware of any issues regarding disclosure, discovery or preservation of electronically stored information requiring orders from the Court currently. The Parties agree that they will meet and confer as appropriate should any issues arise.

Ε. **Privileged Material**

The parties agree to follow the procedures set forth in the Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B) with respect to disclosures of privileged materials.

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F. **Limitations on Discovery**

The parties do not anticipate changes to the limitations on discovery imposed by the Federal and Local Rules.

G. **Other Discovery Orders**

The parties contemplate submitting a proposed protective order pursuant to Rule 26(c) and request that the Court enter the parties' scheduling proposal pursuant to Rule 16(b).

II. ITEMS REQUIRED BY LOCAL RULE 26

Complex Designation Α.

The parties do not believe the procedures of the Manual for Complex Litigation should be utilized in this case.

Motion Schedule В.

The parties' joint scheduling proposal, including for the filing of dispositive or partially dispositive motions, is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

C. <u>ADR</u>

The Parties are meeting on conferring on Alternative Dispute Resolution options.

Trial Estimate D.

The parties preliminarily estimate the trial will take a total of no more than ten (10) Court days.

Ε. **Additional Parties**

The parties do not anticipate any additional parties joining this suit, either by motion of the parties or by third parties seeking to join of their own accord.

F. **Expert Witnesses**

The parties' joint scheduling proposal, including relating to the disclosure of expert witnesses, is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The Parties request the Court enter the parties' scheduling proposal pursuant to Rule 16(b).

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EXHIBIT A – PARTIES' JOINT PROPOSED SCHEDULE¹

Deadline/Event	Date			
Discovery and Expert Disclosures				
Fact Discovery Cutoff	April 18, 2025			
Expert Witness Disclosure	March 21, 2025			
Rebuttal Expert Disclosure	April 4, 2025			
Expert Discovery Cutoff	April 21, 2025			
Summary Judgment/Adjudication				
Dispositive Motions (including Daubert)	April 21, 2025			
Oppositions	April 28, 2025			
Replies	May 5, 2025			
Hearing	May 19, 2025			
Trial Preparation and Trial				
Motions in Limine	April 28, 2025			
Motion in Limine Oppositions	May 5, 2025			
Motion in Limine Replies	May 12, 2025			
Pre-Trial Filings (Joint Final Pre-Trial Conference Proposed Order, Exhibit List, Witness List, Memorandum of Contentions of Fact and Law. Jury Instructions)	May 20, 2025			
Hearing on Motions in Limine	May 26, 2025			
Final Pre-Trial Conference	May 27, 2025			
Trial	June 3, 2025			

Any other deadlines pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Local Rules, and the Court's orders.

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At the time of service, I was over 18 years of age and not a party to this action. I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. My business address is 2121 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 2600, Los Angeles, CA 90067.

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JOINT RULE 26(F) REPORT AND PROPOSED DISCOVERY PLAN

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Executed on February 5, 2025, at Los Angeles, California.

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